

REMARKS

Claims 12, 13, 15, 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-18 and 20-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 16-18, and 23-25 are allowed. Claims 12, 13 and 20 are rejected. Claims 14, 15, 21 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected se claim, but allowable if rewritten.

The Examiner rejects claim 12, 13 and 20 under §112 as being indefinite, for using the phrase “capable of.” The Applicants respectfully disagree that the use of the term “capable of” renders the claims indefinite. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, the Applicants have amended the rejected claims to replace the objected language with the term “for.” The Applicants respectfully request that the indefiniteness rejection be withdrawn. It should be noted that the Applicants’ use of the term “for” is not intended to invoke section 112, paragraph 6. Unless a claim element expressly recites “means for,” it is not intended to be in means-plus-function format.

In view of reasons presented above, the pending claims are allowable. As such, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Houston, Texas

telephone number (713) 934-4064 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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